

# Cambridge Advanced Writing – Part 1

## Essay

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#### EXERCISE OVERVIEW

An **essay** is always written for the teacher. You should answer the question given by discussing two content points and choose which of the two is best for the exercise. It is important to organise the essay well, with an introduction and an appropriate conclusion, and it should be written in an appropriate style. You need to write **220-260 words**.

Look at this sample question.

#### Part 1

You **must** answer this question. Write your answer in **220 – 260** words in an appropriate style on the separate answer sheet.

1 Your class has attended a panel discussion on facilities which should receive money from local authorities. You have made the notes below:

#### Which facilities should receive money from local authorities?

- museums
- sports centres
- public gardens

Some opinions expressed in the discussion:

“Museums aren’t popular with everybody!”

“Sports centres mean healthier people.”

“A town needs green spaces – parks are great

Write an essay discussing **two** of the facilities in your notes. You should **explain which facility it is more important** for local authorities to give money to, **giving reasons** in support of your answer.

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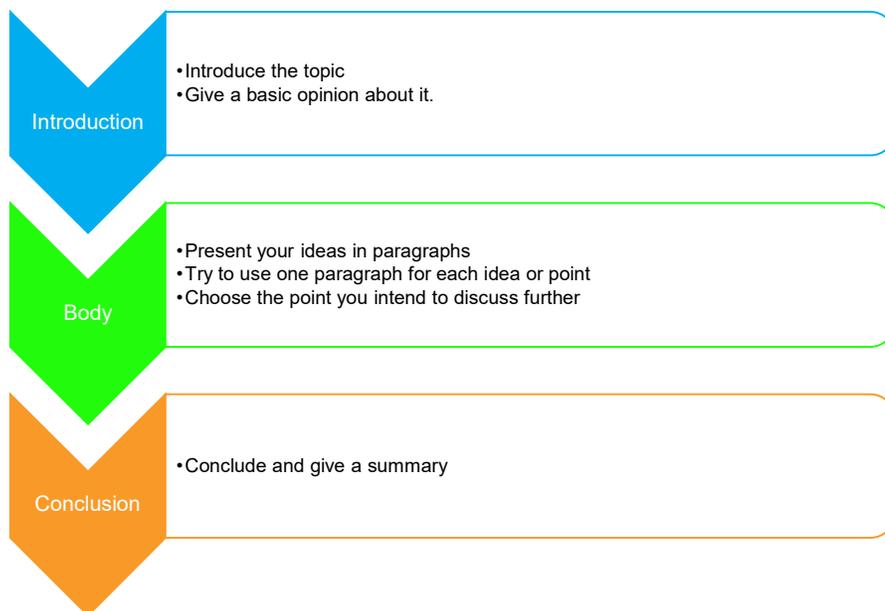
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You may, if you wish, make use of the opinions expressed in the discussion, but you should use your own words as far as possible.

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## HOW TO DO IT

### BASIC ORGANISATION OF ESSAY



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#### **STEP 1**

- Read the instructions and identify the question and the content points to include. Which point do you want to discuss to discuss further?
  - Which facilities should receive money from local authorities?
  - Content point 1: Your choice
  - Content point 2: Your choice
  - Content Point 3: Which facility it is more important for local authorities to give money to?

#### **STEP 2**

- Plan your essay. You can use 4-5 paragraphs to write it.
  - **Paragraph 1:** Introduction
  - **Paragraph 2:** Discuss content point 1 and justify your answers
  - **Paragraph 3:** Discuss content point 2 and justify your answers
  - **Paragraph 4:** Select the most important point, explaining why & give your conclusion  
OR
  - **Paragraph 4:** Select the most important point, explaining why, **Paragraph 5** Give your conclusion

#### **STEP 3**

- Your essay should be formal and show you can organise your ideas well and that you can use linking expressions and appropriate language to do this. Do not use contractions. You should aim for 240-260 words. Check that spelling and grammar are correct.

**COMPLETED EXAMPLE**

**Paragraph 1:** Introduction

The number of facilities which receive money from local authorities has been declining in the recent years. As supporting all of them is not practical, there is a necessity to choose which could merit funding the most. When it comes to improving the city amenities, museums and public gardens are the most reasonable choices.

**Paragraph 2:** First content point

With regard to museums, we need to note the importance of the culture, not only for local people but also for the hosts of tourists who are attracted by such places of interest. In addition to this, art museums offer the opportunity to teach and learn art in an enjoyable way. Nevertheless, it should also be said that museums are not for everyone, a fact that councils need to bear in mind as well.

**Paragraph 3:** Second content point

In comparison with museums, public gardens, as their names suggests, are public places. As such gardens usually allow people to enjoy them for free. Many of them also offer visitors facilities for other activities, like picnic areas and sports areas. While there undoubtedly is a lot of work involved for councils in maintaining them, it is almost impossible to find a person who doesn't like walking around the gardens or spending time on one of their benches.

**Paragraph 4:** Conclusion

Let me conclude by saying that despite the fact that both options are really important, without any doubt public garden is the best of these. On balance, they have more appeal for more people and they give people an opportunity to spend time in the open air.